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BYSIEWICZ CERTIFIES DEMOCRAT AS WRITE-IN CANDIDATE IN 63RD HOUSE DISTRICT

HARTFORD SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ORDERS SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO CERTIFY WILLIAM O. RIISKA AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR NOV. 4TH

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today certified Norfolk attorney William O. Riiska as a write-in candidate for the November 4th General Election in the 63rd House District following an order from Hartford Superior Court Judge Nina Elgo. The order came after a lawsuit filed by Riiska against the Secretary of the State's Office determination on October 21st not to grant Riiska certification as a write-in candidate.

"Due to Judge Elgo's decision, Attorney Riiska is now a write-in candidate for the 63rd House District," said Secretary Bysiewicz. "The court has exercised its equitable power to promote candidate access to the ballot."

Following the withdrawal of Democratic state representative George Wilber from the general election campaign, Riiska had filed an application by facsimile on Tuesday October 21st to be certified as a write-in candidate for the November 4th general election. According to state law, only original documents with original signatures can be processed by the Secretary of the State's Office, therefore any documents or applications submitted by facsimile are unacceptable.

The 63rd district of the Connecticut General Assembly covers the towns of Winchester, Colebrook, Barkhamstead, Hartland, Norfolk, North Canaan, and Canaan. The other candidate on the ballot for the district is Republican John Rigby of Colebrook. Voters in the district wishing to cast a ballot for Mr. Riiska must write his name in the space provided on the ballot and also fill in the oval for the certified write-in candidate. Ballots

in the district reflecting votes for Mr. Riiska will be automatically placed in a separate bin by the optical scan machines. Those ballots will then be counted by hand after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 4th.

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